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REF: TEL AVIV 1388

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3. ON JANUARY 28, FOLLOWING ABOVE EXCHANGE, DINITZ TELEPHONED LES GELB TO PASS ON SUBSTANCE OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY, AND HIS HOPE THAT THE NUMBERS OF F-15 AND F-16S U.S. WOULD APPROVE FOR ISRAEL WOULD BE "ADEQUATE." DINITZ ADDED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO BOTH CIECHANOVER AND WEIZMAN FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, AND THAT WEIZMAN WANTED US TO KNOW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM TO HAVE SOME GROUND FORCE ITEMS APPROVED PRIOR TO HIS VISIT. ACCORDING TO DINITZ, WEIZMAN SAID THAT GIVEN THE PROBLEM OF INTERSERVICE RIVALRY IN ISRAEL, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM TO HAVE A MIXED PACKAGE FOR THE AIR FORCE AND THE ARMY. VANCE

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